

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-208**

**Late 18th Century**

**Martin Farm**

**Leitersburg Vicinity**

**private**

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-208  
District 9  
Map 25  
Parcel 12

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Martin Farm**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Lehman's Mill Road, east of Miller's Church Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Leitersburg

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Grant B. Martin

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 161

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court HouseLiber #: 450Folio #: 531

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED > 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmhouse is located north of Lehman's Mill Road about one fourth mile east of Miller's Church Road near Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on a rise of ground and faces southeast.

The dwelling is a two story, five bay stone structure partially covered with rough cast or stucco. A brick el addition has been attached to the rear of the house. A one story semi-hexagonal projecting bay has been added to the southwest gable wall and a Victorian period projecting gable has been centered on the southeast slope of the roof. The southwest gable of the house has been sheathed with slate. Where the masonry is exposed, the walls are constructed of roughly coursed local limestone.

Openings appear to have been spaced symmetrically in the front elevation. Original window frames and sashes at the front and southwest elevations have been replaced with turn of the century woodwork and single pane double hung sashes. Windows at these two elevations are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters. In the northeast end wall older window treatment remains. In this elevation a nine over six pane sash is held in the lower story window while a six over six light sash is present at the second story level.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. Most of the first story of the front wall is sheltered by an early 20th century period porch with a central pediment. The porch is supported by round concrete pillars resting on concrete block bases.

The roof of the house is sheathed with slate and extends beyond the end walls. Several courses of molding finish the eaves and extend across the southwest gable wall forming a pent roof. Brick chimneys are located at the interior of the house between the first and second bays from each of its gable ends.

Frame sheds and outbuildings are to be found adjacent to the house. A frame bank barn and other structures related to agricultural use are located east and southeast of the house.

The buildings are in fair to good condition and stand on a tract containing 122.97 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The farm on which these buildings are located is part of the land which Christian Lantz left to his daughter Catherine Lantz Zeigler. The Lantz and Zeigler families who intermarried had extensive real estate holdings west of Leitersburg where they had milling and distillery operations on the Antietam Creek during the late 18th and 19th centuries. (Chancery Record 8/341, Land Record T/176). Eventually this farm came into the possession of David Strite who acquired it by two purchases, one in 1860 and the other in 1875 (IN18/139 73/659). The farm descended through the Strite family until 1967 when it was purchased by Grant B. and Retha E. Martin (105/556, 209/705, 450/531).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Chancery Records.

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 122.97 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**September 1976**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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